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Foreign Policy Peril: In the corners of congressional cloak rooms, Republican members—usually *sotto voce*—talk apprehensively of something which could undermine one of the two pillars which presently support their "victory strategy" for next fall's election. They remain confident of "prosperity" as a factor in winning. But on "peace," they are developing a worried uncertainty.

Since his not wholly explained confab with Khrushchev at Camp David, Ike's course of "being polite to communism" may prove—indeed may already be proving—a boomerang. The American people—say GOP folks very privately— want "peace," but they definitely don't want "peace with dishonor." This important qualification seems to have escaped Ike in his meanderings—or rather the State Department's meanderings—in the alarming jungle of Latin American *Realpolitik*. A twinge of humiliating dishonor apparently produced the amazing recent reaction—and a bipartisan one, at that—against the State Department's interference in the affairs of the State of California in connection with the fate of condemned criminal Caryl Chessman.

The State Department's suggestion of the remote possibility (not even a probability), that a bunch of Uruguayan students might conceivably demonstrate against the visiting US President, was utilized to sway the Golden State Governor's action on reprieve—a fantastic picture that horrified members of Congress on both sides of the aisle. Senator Gordon Allott's (R.-Colo.) protest was echoed by the usually "one world" Democratic wheelhorse on foreign affairs, Senator Fulbright. And both Senator Thurmond (D.-S.C.) and Representative Johansen (R.-Mich.) wanted the offending State official, Assistant Secretary Roy Rubottom, removed from his position. Thurmond wanted him to resign, Johansen wanted him "fired." Similar manifestations followed in both houses of Congress.

Nor was the wave of protest associated merely with the incident involving Montevideo and Sacramento (Calif.). Rubottom has also been labelled as the architect of the appalling Cuban policy—which put a Communist dictator in power. Now Rubottom truckles to the dictator's blackmail. (Knowing ones in the cloak rooms say he is only the figurehead for a more powerful architect, namely Milton Eisenhower.) Additionally, the weak-kneed policy towards blackmail in Panama feeds what amounts to a potentially explosive revolt against "peace with dishonor."

The mounting nation-wide choler moved not only the two coastal areas of the country but profoundly affected the geographical center, Nebraska, a state usually slow to react to foreign policy complexities. Often called "the authentic voice of the Midwest," the Omaha *World Herald* on February 20 ran a leading editorial on the Montevideo-Sacramento incident involving Chessman's fate—entitled, significantly, "A Grovelling Low." It said: "American policy reached a new low, a grovelling low . . . a new experience in degradation for the American people." About the same time, the New York *Times* chief Washington correspondent ran a story reporting grave anxiety among high circles about the course of events in Cuba, which marked a change in the curious reporting of that metropolitan paper about the Caribbean.

What's restraining this potential revolt from bursting into a real explosion? On the GOP side, members desirous of "maintaining party harmony" master their tempers with difficulty and limit their outraged feelings to discreet private expression.

On the Democratic side, too many know that their party and the forces controlling it had initiated this sort of "appeasement of communism," would now be reluctant to reverse traditional policy and might cruelly cut off the limb on which a Democrat had taken a courageous position.

Where will all this end? If the "grovelling" continues, GOP members fear that Democrats may run away with the issue in an unwonted burst of American nationalism. However, they speculate that if Ike reverses himself, appeals to national pride and asserts real leadership by the US in a "new Monroe Doctrine" (his speech in Rio may foreshadow such), he will consolidate one of those two pillars on which rest Republican hopes for victory next fall. A more wholesome outcome—they all agree—would be a real bipartisan front against any and all appeasement of the Communist conspiracy anywhere, anytime. That's also being said—privately—in the halls of Capitol Hill.

With the Candidates: *Humphrey* — The Minnesota Senator's energetic oratory and restless campaigning in the Wisconsin countryside have earned him the nickname—"Half Man, Half Windmill." Despite the exertions, Humphrey reportedly has failed to cut down the lead of Senator Kennedy in that state.

Brown—In California, convicted rapist Caryl Chessman loomed as an election year factor last week after Governor Pat Brown had given the condemned man a 60-day reprieve.

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The reprieve drew a chorus of severe criticism from Californians. The Governor obviously had "cut an image of weakness." Even before postponing the Chessman execution, Brown's stock as a Democratic ticket hopeful began to slip. Reports had it that Brown appeared extremely nervous, greeting reporters with, "What should I do?"

Brown's political image dimmed further when evidence developed that the State Department may have been persuaded to send its highly unpopular telegram after receiving a phone call from one of Brown's aides, Chief Assistant Attorney General Richard Rogan. This official reportedly asked on behalf of his Governor that State request the stay for Chessman.

Johnson—Around Capitol Hill, candidate Lyndon Johnson seems to have picked up some unpopularity because of his reported connection with one of the principals in the extraordinary episode when the State Department intervened in the internal affairs of the State of California. It was thus: the State official who sent the telegram to Governor Brown was Assistant Secretary of State Roy Rubottom. The latter, like Johnson, is a Texan and is said to be a protege of the Senator. It would be going pretty far to say that "Lanky Lyndon" is responsible for the weak-kneed policy which Rubottom has followed in shaping our Latin American policy. But on Capitol Hill some of this stigma has rubbed off on the Democratic leader of the Senate.

Kennedy—The great wealth of the Kennedy family and its use for the furtherance of Senator Jack's political ambitions gains wider currency as a factor in the nomination campaign's forensics. Humphrey increases his references to it and a curious "limit on Wisconsin campaign spending" was discussed—publicly—by both the Massachusetts and Minnesota Senators last week.

Certainly, Kennedy "money" becomes as potent a factor in the Democratic campaign as was "Rockefeller money" in the Republican race between Nixon and Nelson Rockefeller early this winter. One of the charges against Rocky was that he benefitted by the large sums of money dispensed by the great Rockefeller foundations. Only last week, the Baltimore *Sun* reported the gift of over $1 million to Johns Hopkins by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, which was set up by former Ambassador Joseph Kennedy in memory of his son Joseph, killed in World War II. The President of the Foundation is Robert F. Kennedy, brother of candidate Senator John F. Kennedy and an ardent booster for his brother's nomination. The *Sun* said that to date the Foundation has donated $15 million to hospitals, custodial institutions and research programs.

It is noted that the announcement of the Kennedy $1 million grant hit the *Sun* six days after Senator Wayne Morse had announced that he was entering the Maryland Presidential primary. Morse has been waging a national campaign against Kennedy, especially directed to labor union members on the ground that the Massachusetts Senator "let down labor" when he supported the largely Administration labor refom bill last year. Kennedy is entered in the Maryland primary—and now must face Morse.

Milton Eisenhower: An unusually frank statement by the President's brother, Milton Eisenhower, last week provided documentary evidence supporting the widely held view that Milton is the "gray eminence" behind not only the appeasing Camp David policy but also behind the disastrous course of US policy in Latin America. Brother Milton (who—HUMAN EVENTS reported September 23, 1959—engineered the Khrushchev visit to the US) addressed a meeting of the Alumni of Johns Hopkins University, of which he is president. Milton Eisenhower, according to the Baltimore *Sun* (February 23), said: "The Russian people want peace and Khrushchev who wants to merit their applause has become a champion of peace—though he may not be willing to accept it on our terms . . . . Khrushchev is very different from Stalin."

In Washington, the speech created a sensation among foreign policy observers, who were of the opinion that the President's brother revealed either his ignorance of Soviet policy, or his prejudices for the unrealistic, "liberal" interpretation of Soviet-US relations. Coming from a man who—it is generally agreed—has immense influence on the President's thinking and policies, the remarks to the alumni are deemed very disturbing.

These observers point out that Milton Eisenhower apparently overlooks the fact that it was Khrushchev who carried out the bloody purge in the Ukraine in 1938, *a typical Stalin action. They also recall that it was Khrushchev, not Stalin, who sent troops to carry out the sanguinary suppression of the Hungarian freedom revolt in* 1956. *Further, it has been under the prodding of Khrushchev, not Stalin, that Red China has penetrated Burma, flattened the independence of Tibet and taken over* 46,000 *square miles of territory of India.*

Finally—it is pointed out—it has been under Khrushchev, not Stalin, that the Soviet Union has taken the audacious step which Stalin never even attempted—the creation of a Soviet satellite on the doorstep of the US. It was under Khrushchev, not Stalin, that the Communists in Guatemala took over full power, armed with a shipment of weapons sent by Red satellite Czechoslovakia, before failing in the attempt to set up an outright Communist regime there in 1954. Today, under Khrushchev, and in the wake of Camp David, the USSR has succeeded in establishing a Communist puppet regime in Cuba, just 90 miles off the coast of Florida.

The White House stated that Brother Milton, who joined the President in Puerto Rico right after his speech, will be with Ike throughout his entire Latin American tour, a tour which is expected to shape our policy for all lands south of the border.

World Court: While Senator Hubert Humphrey's resolution to repeal the Connally amendment has been catching all the headlines (and the full fury of patriots throughout the Nation), a potentially far more ominous threat to the amendment has been quietly put into motion in the other wing of the Capitol. The tool for one-worldism honed in the House is Joint Resolution 558,

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introduced by Representative Harris B. McDowell (D.-Del.). Both the Humphrey and McDowell measures call for the removal of the Connally reservation that guarantees the right of the US to determine which of its disputes should be heard by the International Court of Justice.

H. J. R. 558 is presently in the hands of the Subcommittee on International Organizations & Movements (under the House Committee on Foreign Affairs). While no specific action is scheduled on this resolution at this time, old hands in the Capital recognize that, purely from a mechanical standpoint, it is a more powerful threat to the Connally amendment than is Humphrey's effort, for this reason:

Humphrey's resolution, as a treaty amendment requiring senatorial action only, must gain the approval of two-thirds of that body; on the other hand, McDowell's joint resolution can be adopted by simple majority backing in the House and the Senate.

Although Humphrey's World Court proposal is temporarily stymied in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and McDowell's joint resolution is inactive in the House, conservatives will keep a wary eye cast in each direction, lest the "liberals" get another head start in pushing the US down the road of internationalism.

● Additional warning that the fight to maintain the Connally reservation is not yet won—the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association meeting last week in Chicago shelved a pro-Connally resolution by a hair-line vote. One version of how the internationalist forces obtained the narrow margin of a measure at first apparently headed for approval comes to HUMAN EVENTS from a prominent lawyer who was present. Our source says the higher-ups of the conference were warned that, if the pro-Connally measure were not pigeon-holed, the White House would not give the lawn party, which it had promised, for the ABA's annual convention to be held here next August. The ABA will host 1500 British lawyers who were so kind as to let the visiting ABA into a Buckingham Palace whing-ding in 1957, when the ABA held its meeting in London. Affecting even a few votes with such a White House threat sounds silly and incredible, but those who know the power of the "social lobby" in the Nation's Capital—not to mention the role of society-hungry wives—do not find it unbelievable.

Michigan Mess: Hints that Chrysler Corporation may be moving its entire operation from Michigan to Ohio have Governor G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams and state officials in an uproar. It's no secret that Michigan's "bad business climate" has led many firms to leave the Reuther-dominated state and kept still more firms from coming in to take advantage of Michigan's attractive natural resources. (For the story of how this "bad business climate" was created, see "Walter's Boy Soapy," in HUMAN EVENTS for October 13, 1958.)

Chrysler's potential move would cost Michigan 87,000 jobs and a multi-million dollar payroll, the biggest loss the state has sustained to date. So real is the danger that Detroit's non-partisan mayor, Louis Miriani, came out blasting the state government for its unconcern with Detroit's problems.

As "Soapy" met with Chrysler officials to try to find out "what the trouble is," Ohio's Governor Mike DiSalle, reaping the harvest of years of sensible government under conservative Governors Frank Lausche and C. William O'Neill, told Chrysler, "We can assure you of excellent cooperation here." If Chrysler takes up DiSalle's offer, the move will be the *coup de grace* to "Soapy's" political career, say Michigan political observers.

NCC vs. The Manual: Attacks made by the National Council of Churches against the Air Force Reserve's manual on security, which showed the deep left-wing penetration of that church organization, have boomeranged on the NCC.

Although the fuss and furor raised forced temporary withdrawal of the manual, Congressman Walter, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, after hearing Air Force Secretary Sharp in a closed session last Thursday, said that Sharp had agreed to reissue the pamphlet. The reissued manual, according to Walter, will retain the charges of Communist infiltration of the churches, but will not name specific church organizations or clergymen. Sharp himself said that he thought it was proper to show that the Reds had infiltrated the churches.

Previously, Walter had said that what the manual stated about Communist infiltration of the churches was "absolutely true." He also fully supported the booklet's charge (based on a report by Circuit Riders, Inc.) that 30 of the 95 persons who produced the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, under NCC sponsorship, had Communist front records. Said Walter: "A very careful check was made, not only of our own committee records but also of other security agencies. And it's absolutely true that these men had Communist dealings."

That the NCC does not speak for all Protestants, as is sometimes thought, was sharply brought out when the American Council of Churches, representing 1,500,000 *Protestants, supported the pamphlet's charges, as did the International Council of Christian Churches and the Church League of America.*

This is not the first time that the NCC has been in the spotlight. Leaders of the NCC, such as Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and Dr. John C. Bennett, signed a petition in 1959 which declared, "the Un-American Activities Committee should be abolished . . . ."

It will also be recalled that the World Order Study Conference, sponsored by the NCC, on November 21,

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1958, voted unanimously to support a resolution recognizing Red China.

The fact that the leaders of the NCC did not speak for even a large minority of its claimed 35 million members was brought out soon after when the *ad hoc* Protestant Clergyman's Committee poll of 9000 clergymen—of every denomination in 48 states—found that 87 per cent *directly opposed* the Conference's resolution. The committee which took the poll included such respected Protestant ministers as Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the Rev. Daniel A. Poling and Bishop Herbert Welch.

That many Protestants want nothing to do with the NCC was also recently brought out by J. Howard Pew, prominent Presbyterian layman and former president of the Sun Oil Company, who said in a speech that a number of businessmen in the United Presbyterian Church were opposed to the National Council of Churches because its pronouncements "frequently coincide with Communist objectives." He said that many contribute solely to their local congregations because they believe the church should comment only on ecclesiastical matters.

Labor Front: After Senator Goldwater's charge that Reuther has imposed a "clear pattern of crime and violence" on the country (see last week's issue of HUMAN EVENTS), the mood on Capitol Hill is that something must be done this session about the labor union problem. Too many legislators, it is realized, have avoided any such move this session because they fear the wrath of labor bosses in an election year. But many more Senators and Congressmen feel that something must be done, regardless. Developments along this line include:

(1) It is reported that the distinguished Chairman of the Rackets Committee, Senator John McClellan, is seeking a way to continue the work he has been doing in this area for the past three years. (The Rackets Committee's life will legally expire on March 31.) One measure under consideration is to transfer the mission to a subcommittee of the Senate Government Operations Committee, of which the Arkansan is chairman. To effect this, the chairman would have to obtain Senate authorization for the subcommittee to probe matters pertaining to labor. In view of his great prestige and influence in the Upper House, it is felt that McClellan could hardly be refused; a Senate nod and he could carry on.

(2) *Senator Goldwater asks for creation of a select committee to study the impact of work stoppages and labor-management contract settlement on the national economy. Obviously what Goldwater is driving at is to tear apart the veil which the labor oligarchy has wrapped around a whole complex of restrictions, called "featherbedding," and to spur the growing country-wide conviction that the union shackles on industrial productivity should be removed. Clearly, the survival, in a tight-price situation, of much of American business is at stake.*

Boondoggles: Citizens at the grass roots who wonder why the Federal Government has doubled its civilian non-defense spending in seven years can see examples of how it works in several proposals now before Congress.

For instance, Representative Stewart Udall (D.-Ariz.) has a boondoggle which the House will vote on shortly: he wants the Government to buy the Hubbell Trading Post in Ganado, Arizona, as a National Historical Site. The cost? The Interior Department says the property hasn't been appraised, but the present owners "have expressed a willingness to sell for $300,000." No doubt they are more than willing to sell at that figure, says Representative H. R. Gross (R.-Iowa); in 1957 the assessed valuation of the property was $9,957.

In addition to the purchase money, Udall's bill would allot $294,000 over a five-year period for "improvements," and provide $22,000 for management and protection the first year—and management would cost at least as much each year thereafter.

In return for its $600,000 now and more later, the Government would get the Trading Post, 160 acres, and a collection of Southwestern art and Indian relics—located in a nearly uninhabited area of northeastern Arizona, 80 miles from the nearest town of any size, 200 miles from the nearest city.

Another example is a proposal that the Government buy the Antietam battlefield in Maryland. Originally $300,000 was sought for this purpose, but House conservatives cut the cost back to less than $100,000—and pointed out that 20 years ago the Government said the land could be bought by public donations, a suggestion the public ignored, showing no interest in the project. Moreover, Maryland has a budget surplus this year which gives it the funds to buy Antietam 50 times over.

Such boondoggles are insignificant when compared with the $43 billion spent on national defense annually—but, as those who follow Capitol Hill closely are aware, when the cost of such a project is multiplied by the number of Congressmen who put local "pork barrel" measures above national fiscal solvency, the sums go a long way toward explaining why non-defense spending keeps going up and up. The only cure, say the experts, is public protest from now until election—when the "pork barrel" Congressmen can be replaced by men willing to work for fiscal sanity.

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Article Section I

Where's the Money Coming From?

The 60's: Decade of the Golden Fleece

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SINCE THE FIRST of the year, I have been fed to the gills with Golden Era talk. The 1960's, so I am told, will be the end-all; by 1970 we will be so fat and sassy there will be no living with us.

A fellow gets it from everywhere, Government bureaus, newspapers, the periodicals, and the radio oracles. They tell us what great things our economic machine is going to spew for us, this next decade. And a person finally gets to believing it.

But, if I may, I would like to raise a question, a simple question: Where is the money coming from?

I'm just asking, you understand. For, plebian work-a-day that I am, I have all I can do in counting the sparse change rattling in my pants—I'm no economist.

Still, I'm not such a plow boy but that I know if you want permanently to raise the pressure on a steam boiler, you've got to have coal.

Fellow named Ken Smith brought this to my mind. He is a wise man, an economic consultant, actually, who sits aerie high in an office on San Francisco's Montgomery Street. The day I spoke to him of things to come, he asked me the question: "Where's the money coming from?"

What the Golden Era prophets assume, Ken Smith said in supplementing his query, is that, "automatically," we are going to have jobs to give the 13 million new workers we will acquire during the Bright New Decade and that every last one of the 83 million of us who are going to be in the labor pool "automatically" will increase our per capita production. And wages will keep going up, up, up.

Voila, the Golden Era.

Well, "wages" probably will do that very thing. But real wages are another matter. Up may be down.

This is so, Ken Smith told me, because any increase in living standards can come only from an increase in new-capital formation.

What money we have, he said, is working now—that is where our present standard of living comes from. You get a pile of earned-savings together, like you would gather sticks (investment, we call it) and you set it afire—with an idea or a match—and the result is heat to warm by. Unlike a bonfire, though, money keeps on heating; it doesn't burn out if you treat it properly. Tends to increase itself, actually. We call this increase "profit" and, historically, we have used it to spark other fires.

But there are only so many BTU's in a given bonfire, a money-stoked bonfire or one stoked by scrub oak and if you want more BTU's you must add more fuel, yesterday's profits, yesterday's savings. The fuel we are now using in our national economic fires—as it has come since our Nation was founded—came from just such savings. The earnings of people, their fat, what they had laid away for investment, for a rainy day. That is what makes our dynamo hum, has made it hum.

Bearing this in mind, and bearing in mind today's high-tax impositions, where is the new fuel to come from, fuel that will insure the millenium the wise-acres foresee? Who is fat, today? Who is saving?

You say we are, a little?

Then I tell you—as Ken Smith told me—we will have to save more than "a little," even to maintain the standards we have. The widow's mite won't do it. It will take a minimum new-capital investment of $95 billion, these next 10 years, just to stay abreast of ourselves. For, lest we forget, we are going to have a lot more mouths to feed before the 10 love-lit springs of the 60's have come and gone.

The wisenheimers know this, they know we must have a lot more fuel than we have promise of to hit the needed rate of increase. So, presto, they pluck "fuel" from the sky.

I see where the Joint Economic Committee of Congress plucked 4½ per cent, just so, as the rate of annual growth we can look forward to, these next 10 years. Well, that's just peachy dandy—4½ per cent would resolve our dilemma.

Fine. But the question keeps coming back, where is the new money, the capital we will need to fulfill their blithe words, where is it to come from?

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All a person gets in reply for such inquisitive impertinence is fast talk. They tell you they are going to achieve this economic hat trick by more Government spending, continued deficits, increased consumption through increased wage rates, planning and controls. That's the way they're going to do it.

Well, I know better and I never won a brightness medal. I'm telling you there isn't an earned-saved nickel in the lot of it, nor provision for any. They promise to make the present fire burn twice as brightly. And no doubt that can be done; I've fanned embers myself. You get twice the glow, all right, but the rate of combustion is increased proportionately.

Who's looney?

I suppose I am for I continue to let such as these mad people run my country.

I don't even bother to look for their bellows. What about the controls that will inevitably accompany any such frenzied crash program for speeding up the rate of increase in per capita income? And doesn't their program inherently admit the inevitability of inflation? Isn't it there to be seen, what they would make you think is up, up, up is really down, down, down; like the tilted floor in a boardwalk crazy house?

ADVOCATES of this kind of Government are advocates of statism. They don't believe either in the primacy of the individual—to hell with his God-given right to keep and use what is his—nor in the ability of private, taxpaying businesses to furnish the rate of growth needed to keep us healthy. They believe they can take—by God, are taking—your money and invest it better than you can.

And what sort of bugaboo do they use to convince you of the need for this sort of business? Why, boo, the Communists, what else?

They compare Russia's increase in steel capacity of 127 per cent with our "piddling" 54 per cent. But they most decidedly do not tell you that our 54 per cent was 51.5 million tons of steel while the Russian increase of 127 per cent was but 33 million tons. They tell us, to compete with the Russians we must ape the Russians. What poppycock. Our private-business owners, left alone, can out-produce those half-civilized sons of the wild eyed, riding or walking.

I don't like any part of it. I don't care whether it is a "Republican" or "Democrat" administration, I don't like it.

We ought to get one thing straight in our minds. There is a difference, a tremendous difference, between a market-determined rate of growth and a Government-determined rate of growth.

Heretofore, in America, our fundamental purpose has been to raise and improve the economic welfare of the individual. The statists, home-grown as well as Russian, want state ownership of the means of production, the aggrandizement of the state with the individual getting, as my father use to admonish, a lick and a promise; a lick on the backside and the promise of another if you don't hop to it.

You listen to Ken Smith: "In order to consume more, we must produce more. In order to produce more we must have more tools with which to produce. In order to get more tools we must have the real money to pay for them. And this money can come only from savings—bourgeoisie savings.

"At the very time we need savings as never before, the demand of the statists is to reduce the incentives to saving—to arbitrarily reduce the rate of interest set by the free market and to abandon all effort at maintaining a sound dollar. This despite the historical fact that as the fear of inflation mounts, savings progressively decrease."

Makes pretty good sense, doesn't he?

IT'S WELL ENOUGH for these guys to pluck figures out of the air, presto, and say we are (Caesar says) going to increase by thus and so. But it just won't work. We have to achieve growth—if we are to grow—just as we have always achieved growth, by work, initiative and invention, or we won't grow. What we will get—if we go on letting these statists pinch off our savings through high taxation and arbitrarily reduced interest rates, what we will get is the exchange of our system—one of personal freedom—for the regimentation of a totalitarian state.

And, as I say, I don't like it.

For I want my land preserved, not destroyed, and I want it to grow healthier, not bloated for bursting during this Golden Era of the Ten Fertile Springs. I want a market-determined rate of growth, not something these jokers dream up.

And as election day approaches, I'm going to tune my ear to the candidate who sings my song.

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Article Section II

An Open Letter to Richard Nixon

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By JAMES L. WICK

DEAR MR. VICE PRESIDENT:

A GREAT MANY PEOPLE have been disturbed by your letter to the Syracuse *Herald-Journal* justifying the terms of the steel settlement. The impression many people received is that you see no way to deal with monopoly unionism except appeasement and surrender. Here are several of your paragraphs:

"Mr. McDonald [head of the steel union] came to these negotiations in a stronger position than the companies. He had just won from aluminum and can without a strike higher settlements than the one he eventually agreed to accept with the steel companies . . . . He also believed that if the dispute were not settled and had to be sent to Congress by the President, he [McDonald] would do better in a Congress heavily dominated by members elected with union support in an election year than would the companies. Considering the strong bargaining position of the union, their agreement to a settlement which was less than the pattern that they had been able to negotiate with can and aluminum was, in my opinion, a major achievement . . . .

"In my opinion the price the union would have insisted upon would inevitably have gone up rather than down. It seems only logical to conclude that after the union had won an overwhelming victory rejecting the companies' last offer they would have insisted on an even higher settlement than they accepted at the present time . . . .

"I also believe that if the parties had failed to agree after the union rejected the companies' last offer and the President, as required by law, submitted the dispute to Congress, any Government-imposed settlement that the Congress would have brought about through compulsory arbitration, plant seizure or some other Government device, would have been higher than the one agreed upon at this point . . . .

"I can only say that any objective observer would have to agree that there could be nothing more irresponsible than to place before the Congress in an election year the complicated and potentially explosive issue of labor-management relations."

Mr. Vice President, the vital issue in the steel negotiations was not wages, but "work rules." The companies have said they could pay the entire 42-cent-an-hour cost out of the economies that would come if a sensible agreement on "work rules" could be reached.

In refusing to yield on work-rules, McDonald said 100,000 men would lose their jobs. This is another way of saying that 400,000 men in the steel industry could do the work now being done by 500,000.

The disastrous defeat suffered by the steel industry has already begun to take its toll. The railroad industry had mobilized for a war against featherbedding. When the news of the steel collapse came, the railroad managements cracked. They settled with the engineers for an arbitration strictly limited to wage rates. They gave up on featherbedding, which, in all its varieties, is costing half a billion dollars a year. Restrictive labor practices are far more serious in railroading than in steel because the railroad unions had a 25-year start over the steel workers union.

Railroad labor leaders claim that 350,000 jobs out of 850,000 jobs are dependent upon their work rules; the jobs would not exist except for union power; 850,000 men are employed to do the work that could be done by 500,000.

Incredible as it seems, Mr. Vice President, railroad featherbedding may get far worse in the near future instead of better. The Progressive Caucus of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has just published its demand: "two engineers in every cab." It isn't enough that there is a fireman in every diesel engine even though there isn't anything to fire. (Cost of this waste alone, $200 million.) If the Progressive Caucus has its way, there will soon be an extra engineer.

I think I should pause here long enough to point out that this demand if won should be a boon to the railroad engine manufacturing industry—providing the railroads can get a Federal subsidy to keep operating. The railroads will have to buy engines with bigger cabs because three people—two of them probably playing gin rummy —cannot be comfortably seated in the present cabs.

MR. VICE PRESIDENT, the long-term destructiveness of union monopoly was discussed in a HUMAN EVENTS article (January 7) entitled "Union Monopoly is Modern Guildism." The distinguished author, Richard LaPiere, is a professor of sociology in your state—at Stanford University. Professor LaPiere first shows the erosive consequences of guildism in the Middle Ages.

"If an individual craftsman was to work at his craft or trade, he had to belong to the local guild; and if he gained guild membership, he thereby lost the right to do his work in his own way. He became subject to a plethora of regulations. His position *vis-a-vis* all the other members of the guild was specified in detail; the

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conditions under which he could work, how he did his work, and his reward for work accomplished were all determined for him by guild rule; and his opportunities for advancement—if any—depended upon the guild rather than his own efforts.

"The guild system reduced the individual member to an organizational functionary, depriving him of the right to be enterprising and favoring the one who was by temperament or training passive and lacking in initiative. Where and when the guild system functioned effectively, it was reasonably efficient in providing the individual with economic security and comparative freedom from personal responsibility for his own economic welfare. But from the point of view of the community as a whole the guild system was exceedingly inefficient. It kept guild membership small; it restricted the hours of labor or units of goods produced; and it held prices so high that the general standard of living could not rise.

"Moreover, and in the long run even more disadvantageous socially, it prevented any improvements in the techniques of production. During the apex of its development and power, the guild system brought all economic life to a standstill; and in accomplishing this guild objective, it placed a high premium upon member conformity and made the exercise of individual initiative well-nigh impossible."

Turning to the present, Professor LaPiere says:

"If present trends toward stabilizing the position of labor continue, upward mobility—so long the ideal of the American people—will become a thing of the past; and the laboring class will tend to become a hereditary caste, or system of castes, each with its own fixed function and status. But long before then the debilitating consequences of this rigidity will have reduced the American economy, and indirectly the entire social system, to a monolithic structure incapable of any enterprise."

This appraisal of Professor LaPiere's points up the cynical attitude toward modern guildism being taken by all the half-dozen "liberal" candidates for the Presidency. They are attacking the Administration because the American economy is growing, they say, at the rate of only 2½ per cent a year. They claim the growth rate will exceed 5 per cent if they are elected. If they were sincere about trying to double the growth rate, they would certainly be attacking "modern guildism" which, as Professor LaPiere says, will eventually "reduce the economy to a monolithic structure incapable of any enterprise."

However, instead of pledging their efforts to remove this cancerous condition, the demagogues go to union conventions and cravenly sell their souls to the labor barons, the real enemies of American progress.

TO ALL OF THIS DISCUSSION, the ordinary politician will respond: "I agree with you, sir, but just what do you think would happen to me if I made a speech telling my constituents just what you told me."

My reply:

Well, what would happen?

The answer, it seems to me, depends upon the kinds of voters a politician is looking to for support.

The electorate consists of all kinds of people: mature and immature, intelligent and unintelligent, the naive gullible voters who "believe any lie if it is big enough" and the voters who have solid common sense. There are something-for-nothing "gimmie" voters and there are voters who believe that every man is entitled to the fruits of his labors—that much and no more.

Demagogues have no difficulty making the necessary choice.

Their attitude toward the voters is this:

"Promise 'em anything. The masses are a bunch of boobs, anyway. [Harry Hopkins: "The public is too damned dumb to understand."] From womb to tomb, the Government must take care of them. Elect me to office and I will try as hard as I can to protect them from their own stupidity. I'm really an idealist, you know. It's really for their own good."

Mr. Vice President, we hope that you will meet the passionate desire of thoughtful people for a candidate willing to talk about the malevolent forces threatening our civilization—modern guildism being one of them.

Talk freely and frankly now—before election. Because of the courage shown, your words then will have the greatest impact.

We believe the verdict on Election Day will justify your faith that truth can win out over error and righteousness over evil.

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The Truth About 'The Worker's' Drive Against The Bookmailer

Perhaps The First Step To A Last-Minute Attack Upon Bob Morris

By RABBI BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

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On the reverse side of this page is a typical **The Worker** smear—false in all essential details. Read it carefully.

The story says that the office of The Bookmailer, Inc., at 209 E. 34th Street, New York, is the headquarters of the anti-semitic underground of America and is sparking the campaign to paint swastikas on synagogues.

I have known Lyle Munson, the principal owner of The Bookmailer, Inc., for many years. I will gladly testify to the falsity of **The Worker's** charges. Many leading American Jews will be glad to give similar testimony.

Munson has asked the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith to make a complete investigation of these charges. He has agreed to place his complete records at its disposal.

Bookmailer records are complete down to the last decimal point and can be easily checked. Its financial records show every penny of expenditures and receipts and are audited by a reputable certified public accountant. All shipments of books are consecutively numbered. Every book mailed out during the past five years—the name of the book and the name and address of the purchaser—can be verified.

Munson's complete mailing list—to whom all selling solicitations are made—is on file for examination in his office. Thousands of persons all over the world receive Munson's book catalogs and his bi-monthly publication, "Bookmailer News." In all the advertising literature sent out by The Bookmailer to sell its books, no anti-semitic book (except one by Karl Marx mentioned later in this article) has ever been listed.

Among the recipients of all Bookmailer circulars are the American embassies in almost every foreign country. Among Munson's best customers are US diplomatic personnel, including many Ambassadors, as well as foreign diplomatic personnel all over the world. These people know that the easiest way, when abroad, to buy a book published by an American publisher is simply to mail the order to The Bookmailer. Munson accepts foreign currency and knows exactly how to take care of all the red tape necessary to ship American books to any country in the world.

The Worker's story begins with a reference to the **American Mercury**. Munson tells me he is not a subscriber to the **American Mercury** and has not read it for a long time. He has never offered it for sale. He has not advertised in it for the last five years—an easily verified fact.

The Worker reporter says he found at The Bookmailer a drawer full of anti-semitic literature. There is not and has never been such a drawer. The drawer that the **Worker** reporter saw actually contained the following file-headings: All-American books; American Legion magazine; American Opinion; Bookmailer News; Book reviews current; Book catalogs retail; Free China (Formosa) magazine; Fulton Lewis radio transcripts; Human Events; Manion Forum; Miscellaneous (see below); National Review; Reviews of Bookmailer books; Smoot Report; Time magazine book reviews; USA.

"Miscellaneous" contains the following subheads: Nation's Agriculture; National Republic; Korean Information Service bulletins; McGraw-Edison Newsletter.

All Bookmailer advertising features this offer: "We will get you any book in print." Because of that selling argument, customers don't have to decide where to order books. They automatically think of "The Bookmailer."

By the way, it should be pointed out that the big bookstores in New York—all those who promise to "get you any book in print" —will do what they advertise: get you any book in print, regardless of its contents. Colleges, newspapers and researchers, in particular, appreciate such a service.

For the purpose of fighting communism—I am a founder of the American Jewish League Against Communism—I myself have ordered Communist books from time to time from The Bookmailer. So have hundreds of other dedicated anti-Communists. The Bookmailer has sold many copies of **The Communist Manifesto**, and many sets of **The Complete Works of V. I. Lenin.**

The Worker's story says the reporter bought a copy of **The Iron Curtain Over America**—admittedly an anti-semitic book.

"This is true," said Munson—as The Bookmailer records will show. Munson added: "I abhor **The Iron Curtain Over America** as I abhor every other anti-semitic book."

I asked Munson to check his sales of **The Iron Curtain Over America** against his total book sales for the previous 90 days. He found that out of 9,000 sales, 11 copies were **The Iron Curtain Over America.**

During the same period, the record shows The Bookmailer sold a great many more Communist books, including those printed by International Publishers, the official Communist publishing house of the USA. Munson fills orders no matter from whom, but he believes 90% of his Communist books go to anti-Communists wanting to know what the Communist philosophy is. Munson said he hopes those who have bought **The Iron Curtain Over America** are persons equally opposed to anti-semitism.

Incidentally, Munson found upon checking that he has never sold a copy of any book or any other piece of literature written by Colonel Sanctuary.

The Worker's reporter said he bought a pile of anti-semitic literature from The Bookmailer. The truth is, **The Iron Curtain Over America** was the only piece of anti-semitic literature bought or seen by the **Worker** reporter.

Munson says he gets occasional orders for one anti-semitic book **The Worker** does not mention. **The Worker NEVER** mentions that book. Never! That book is **World Without Jews** written by Karl Marx, founder of communism and the idol of **The Worker.** For the fact never publicized by Communists is that Marx, though himself a Jew, was the worst of all anti-semites!

In my opinion, the reason for the vicious attack upon The Bookmailer lies in the close connection between Munson and Judge Robert Morris who is running against Clifford Case in New Jersey for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate. Munson is the publisher of a hard-hitting anti-Communist book by Morris. Its title is: **No Wonder We Are Losing—the personal evaluations of the long-time counsel for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.**

Munson has sold 14,000 copies of that Communist-hated book. In addition, Munson has raised thousands of dollars for the Morris campaign. Finally, Judge Morris is a stockholder, though a very small one, in The Bookmailer, Inc.

Bob Morris is the current No. 1 target of the Communist party. And with good reason: Morris was General Counsel of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, which has a long record of exposure of Communists.

The Communist conspiracy has marked for destruction every member of any congressional committee that has ever investigated Communists. Recalling Senator McCarthy, Martin Dies, and others, I must say they have been remarkably successful.

Today, the Communist goal is to stop Morris from being elected to the United States Senate. In the Senate, he would logically be named to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. At all costs, the Communists must keep that from happening.

If my line of reasoning is correct, the false charges that the inflammatory material instigating the swastika outrages comes from The Bookmailer is only a preliminary step. Once that falsehood has been spread, the closing days of the Senate campaign in New Jersey—primary date is April 19th—would be devoted to showing the well-known tie between Morris and The Bookmailer, Inc.

The usual advice given to persons attacked by **The Worker** is: "Ignore it, **The Worker** has made its set-up judgement-proof. You can't collect any damages from a successful libel suit. Legal and court costs would cost you many thousands of dollars. Forget the whole matter."

In attacking The Bookmailer, the Communists were expecting Munson to follow such advice. They thought their strategem would not be discovered until the last days of the New Jersey campaign. By that time, it would be too late to save Morris from defeat.

Bringing the falsity of the charges right now out into the open may counteract that desperate trick.

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'The Worker's' Smear — In Full

In its February 21 issue, the Communist party organ, **The Worker**, printed the 5-column story quoted below, headlined: "A Visit in N. Y. to the Anti-Semitic Underground."

EVERY ESSENTIAL FACT BEARING UPON THE CHARGE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN "THE WORKER" STORY IS FALSE.

See reverse side of this page

by JOHN JANISEK

IT IS an innocent looking building.

You would never guess that this four-story, modest structure is the nerve center of racist, anti-semitic, and neo-Nazi propaganda in New York City and perhaps the largest distributor of such literature in the country. Hundreds of thousands of Jew-baiting and red-baiting books have issued forth from this unassuming building with its camouflaged name: The Bookmailer, Inc.

I walked into The Bookmailer at 209 East 34th St. with much uneasiness.

A bright new bookcase of "Modern Library" books was set up, like a false front, at the door. It hid a curious sight.

Behind this bookcase, which blocked any view of the interior from the street, efficient-looking secretaries and un-bookstorish-looking men were busy handling orders for books from "many of our own government's Ambassadors and Consular personnel," universities, and innocent readers who probably had never peeked behind the bookcase of "Modern Library" books into the anti-semitic sewer hidden inside this office.

Undoubtedly, here is the biggest anti-semitic propaganda center America has seen since the days of the German-American Bund. Yet it has gone unnoticed until now.

I took a deep breath and I walked inside.

INTO THE SEWER

Week after week I had been searching for the source of the anti-semitic filth that has been found in the pockets of those caught smearing swastikas on synagogues and desecrating cemeteries.

No one knew who the distributor was. No one who did know, of the anti-semitic groups I visited, would say. No one knew a thing.

It took me three weeks to dig my way underground into the sewers. The manhole cover turned out to be in the plush editorial offices of the "American Mercury," uptown, in the silk-stocking shopping district of expensive stores and Art Galleries on 57th Street.

Marble grandeur and elegance of the old Fisk Building offer perfect window-dressing for the "American Mercury's" Nazi-like line. **Brutally stated by editor Russell Maguire, in the February 1960 issue, this line is: "To soften us up for 'the kill,' we are urged to betray our God given racial assets. Mongrelized, bestialized human dogs can beget only miserable, slinking human dogs."**

"Zionism and Communism present the threat of violence which will engulf us unless we awake and act," cried Maguire: "In our Zionist dominated U.S., truth and liberty have all but vanished . . . Unless we wake up and act now humanity faces the grim spectacle of a long black night."

It seemed logical that the "American Mercury" would know the distributor. I telephoned them.

"ASK FOR MR. MUNSON!"

"Your magazine," I began cautiously, "lists many patriotic organizations that offer patriotic literature, but they are all out of town. I wonder if there isn't someplace in town where I could get hold of this literature. Maybe a bookstore."

"Oh," the receptionist replied, "I'll connect you with the girl who handles that."

In a few seconds the sweet voice of a "Miss Smith" was on the telephone. "Can I help you?", "Miss Smith" asked.

I told her what I wished. "There's a pamphlet, **'The Supreme Court as an Instrument of Global Conquest** by the SPX Research people out in California," I said, "and a pamphlet . . ."

"Oh, pamphlets," Miss Smith" said, "You'll have to write for pamphlets. If you wanted books I would send you to the Bookmailer."

"The what?"

"The Bookmailer," laughed "Miss Smith." "They handle the books: I send them so many "Mercury" readers, who call in to ask for books, that they must be sick of me by now. They are on 34th Street. Wait I'll give you their address."

"That'll be fine," I said.

"Yes, well, they are at 209 East 34th Street. Their telephone is MU 5-5762. Just ask for Mr. Munson."

IN THE BACKROOM

A lady in a business suit squinted at me suspiciously as I came into the office of The Bookmailer.

"The folks at the 'American Mercury' sent me to you," I quietly introduced myself. "I would like to buy some of the books that are recommended in the 'Mercury.'

"We can get you any book published," she matter of factly replied.

I gave her a list I had written down beforehand. On the top of my list was **"The Talmud Unmasked"** by Colonel Sanctuary. He is one of the vilest of the "professional Jew-haters" and a notorious friend of the old Nazi crowd.

Seeing Colonel Sanctuary's name she softened a little.

"Well," she sympathetically said, "I don't know whether we have these in stock."

"The folks at the 'American Mercury' said I should ask for Mr. Munson," I said quickly.

"Oh," she smiled pleasantly. She looked me in the eye as though she had just recognized an old friend. "Let me see what we have," she smiled and disappeared into one of the backrooms.

I followed her.

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She, and a little man, who I assumed was Mr. Munson, president of The Bookmailer, Inc., together checked my list and looked up to see who I was. Evidently satisfied by my request list of anti-semitic books, and my appearance, they began to assemble a pile of books that a moment ago she wasn't sure they "had in stock."

"And do you have any pamphlets," I asked her when she brought me the books.

I specifically asked for the propaganda of Don Bell and Dan Smoot, two of the racist, anti-integration leaders in the South, and of Joseph Kamp, whose writings were circulated by Dr. Goebbels and whose "Join The CIO and Build A Soviet America," was an anti-union, anti-semitic favorite before the war, selling 2,300,000 copies to big business reactionaries. Kamp, like most "former"-Nazis is back in business again, with his "Constitutional Education League" in Westport, Conn.

"I will see what we can do for you," she said.

She went immediately to a filing cabinet. Peering over her shoulder I could see veritable archives of every hate group in the country.

Then, thinking better of what she'd done, or disturbed by my curiosity, she slammed the cabinet closed and suddenly said, "Let me have your name and address and I'll get what I can of these for you." She showed me a "Dan Smoot Report," I suppose to entice me.

"27,000 SUBSCRIBERS"

I overheard a voice, in a backroom, as we chatted, answering a phone call. "You got to offer people something interesting," the voice was saying. "Why we have 26,000 subscribers, nearly 27,000 to be accurate."

These "nearly 27,000" subscribers of The Bookmailer came from "109 countries as well as all 50 states," I learned. Strangely, for a super-"patriotic" group, one half are in the U.S.A., "and the other half abroad." In the coming year they hope "to double" their subscribers in this country.

Subscribers are sent the monthly "Bookmailer News" with special instructions on how to propagandize each book. Matt Cvetic, the Pittsburgh stoolpigeon's **"The Big Decision"** is "Recommended particularly for high-school and college age readers." **"Genocide In Tibet,"** by Rodney Gilbert is to be sent to "our Congressman." Another is to be bought for "your P.T.A.". By these propaganda methods some of these books have sold up 40,000 copies just through this office.

The Bookmailer has published some 23 books of its own. The latest, "The John Franklin Letters," by "Anonymous," describes how "the United States is taken over by . . . the United Nations" and a "People's Democracy." And how "the Rangers, the passionate few patriots" build a secret army, "neighbor with neighbor," to overthrow the U.S. government with force and violence aplenty!

"A very good book" they told me.

As I paged through this fascistic "novel" a man came in and asked for certain books about rifles. The lady in the business suit who was waiting on me, turned to the newcomer, eagerly. Oh, yes, she knew the books well, she said. "My son is very interested in rifles," she said.

BEHIND THE CURTAINS

I bought a few anti-semitic books and left in a hurry.

One of the books I bought, **"The Iron Curtain Over America"** by Lt. Col. John Beaty, U.S. Intelligence, turned out to be an encyclopedia of anti-semitism and the "Zionist-Communist" plot to destroy the world. It has been reprinted 17 times in 7 years!

Tucking this book under my arm I went out into the fresh air.

Walking down 34th Street I looked back at The Bookmailer. The bookcase of "Modern Library" books was all you could see through the store window. There was no hint of the anti-semitic sewer that was hidden behind this front of reputable books.

It all seemed so innocent from the street.

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